



## Library Opening Hours

**Monday—Thursday: 9.45am—8.00pm**

**Friday and Saturday: 9.45am—4.30pm**

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# Clondalkin Library

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**April 2023  
Event Guide**



**All events can be booked at  
[Clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://Clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

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## Adult Events

### Nell Regan

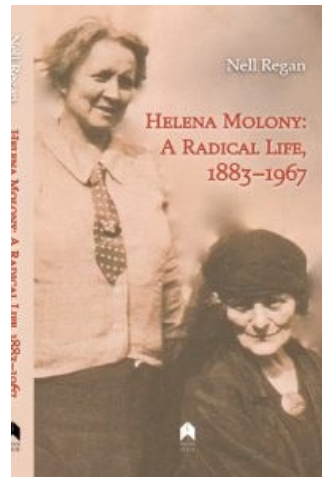
Thursday,  
4th May

6.30pm-7.30pm



Helena Molony is one of the most fascinating activists in twentieth-century Irish history, and also one of the most allusive, so this first biography, *Helena Molony: A Radical Life, 1883-1967*, is timely.

Historian Nell Regan, who pioneered research on Molony, sheds light not only on Helena Molony, but on the many causes and characters she worked with during her long public career.



**Booking opens from 17th April through  
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## Spotlight On

### Board Books

Come in and see our sensory and tactile books for pre-schoolers.

Scientific research tells us that reading to your child can help to activate pre-schoolers' brains with mental imagery and help them understand narrative - both key for the development of language and literacy.



Touch-type  
Read and Spell



**TTRS:** Touch-Type, Read and Spell with confidence for children

This is a multi sensory course for children that teaches typing, reading & spelling.

We have 12 spaces available:

Mondays: 5.00pm-6.00pm 4 spaces

Tuesdays: 5.00pm-6.00pm 4 spaces

Wednesdays: 4.00pm-5.00pm 4 spaces

Please phone or speak to a member of staff to book your place.



## Children's Events

### Self-Led Baby & Toddler Group

Join us for our self-led baby and toddler group. We'll provide the space and toys, you provide the playtime!

**10.00am–11.30am Every Tuesday,  
Saturday 15th April and Friday 21st April**



### STORYTIME for ages 3+

**Thursday 6th and 27th April  
3.30pm**

Come along and join in our storytime session

**All Welcome No Booking Required**



### Quiet Thursdays

**4.30pm–6.30pm**

Join us for a quiet evening every Thursday when we reduce noise and turn down the lights creating a more welcoming environment. Sensory boxes are available to use in our teepees!



## Adult Events

### Art Exhibition



## CHAOS & PEACE

"An exhibition of artworks by Ankita Khimesra"

Through my Art I experience "Peace" & at the same time I experience constant "Chaos" of ideas in my mind.



Hello, I am Ankita Khimesra. I moved to Dublin from India in 2017 with my family. I am a qualified Chartered Accountant but because of my keen interest in Art I decided to pursue my career in this field.

#### About my Art:

Most of my works are based on Ancient Indian art styles like Mandala Paintings, Madhubani paintings etc. After coming to Ireland, mesmerised by Ireland's natural beauty I started incorporating Irish Landscapes in my Indian style paintings. I hope you enjoy this Art Exhibition!!



Scan this code to view my website

We are delighted to announce that local artist Ankita Khimesra will be exhibiting her work here in the library from **12th–30th April**

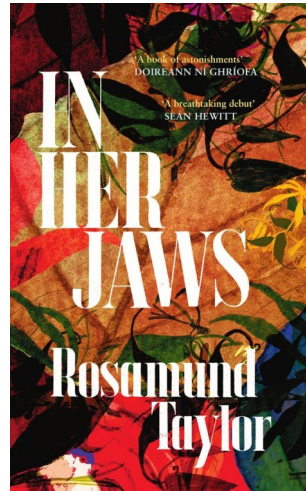
As this exhibition is for a limited time please do find time to pop in and see Ankita's fantastic artwork.

**All Welcome**

## Adult Events

### Adult Book Club

Meeting Thursday 27th April  
**6.30pm-7.30pm**



We are delighted to have poet and critic, Rosamund Taylor, visit our book club to discuss her first collection, *In Her Jaws*, published by Banshee Press in May 2022.

Rosamund Taylor dares us across thresholds and invites us to glimpse the world as we've never seen it before. She boldly charts a journey of survival and transformation with poems on history reimagined, astronomy, sorcery, wild landscapes, talismanic creatures, and queer love. Rosamund explores what it means to live in a female body that is not defined by lack, or want, or perpetual suffering, but is possessed by a real and defined sense of erotic autonomy. These poems burn from the inside out with possibility, and there is magic, mystery and reclamation at every turn. *In Her Jaws* is a landmark debut that extends and deepens the Irish tradition of writing the female perspective, while also breaking new ground.

Rosamund's work has been broadcast on RTE radio's The Poetry Programme and on BBC Radio 4's Poetry Please. She has published over fifty poems in Ireland, Canada, the US and the UK.

## Tech Week

# TECH WEEK

**17th-23rd April 2023**

Get ready for some fantastic events for all the family!

at **Clondalkin Library**

South Dublin Libraries

## Children's Events

### Waffles the Wonderful Magic Show

**Thursday, 13th April**  
**3.00pm-4.00pm**



Enjoy a show with Ireland's favourite female magician. Laugh and smile as Waffles performs an interactive magic show. Waffles tricks are goofy and fun and she is sure to bring a smile to all. Giggle at Waffles mind-reading bear Boo Boo. Smile as Waffles brings an adult up to perform rope tricks. Hoot and howl as kids make things appear and disappear. Waffles will make the boys and girls the stars of the show. Waffles has over 10 years of experience and was selected by President Higgins to perform at the Aras.

Suitable for ages 3-8 years

**Booking opens from 3rd April through**  
**[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Adult Events

### Stitch & Story

Have you an interest in knitting, crochet or embroidery?

Come along and join our monthly group led by Joan Connolly. Share your interest and knowledge with like-minded folk! Bring your own needles and all other materials will be provided. Joan will get us started on:

**Saturday, 22nd April**  
**11am-12pm**



**Booking opens from 10th April through**  
**[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie) and at the library desk.**



A BorrowBox subscription is free with your South Dublin Libraries Card. You can use it to download eBooks and eAudiobooks from home or on-the-go using the BorrowBox app.

Come down to one of our drop-in sessions for help downloading, setting up or using the BorrowBox app. No need to book but remember to bring your mobile phone/tablet and library card (or ID if you have lost your card or would like to join up!).

**No booking required - just call in any Monday**  
**throughout April between 5.00 and 7.00pm**



## Adult Events

### Scrabble Afternoon for Adults

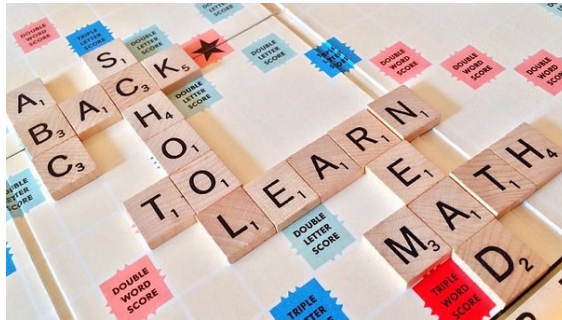
Friday, 14th April

3.00pm—4.00pm



Do you enjoy classic word games? Join us for a few casual games of scrabble and good old-fashioned chat!

**All Adults  
Welcome**



### Creative Writing Group



We are establishing a self-led writing group meeting monthly on the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month from 6.30-7.30pm.**

New members are welcome.

To register your interest, please contact a member of staff at the library desk or call us on 01/4593315

## Children's Events



**Saturday, 22nd April**

**3.00pm-4.00pm**

**Booking opens from 10th April through  
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This Inventors' Club workshop will begin with an introduction to 3D printing and how it works. We will have a bit of fun with Cartesian XYZ Coordinates. We will introduce the children to user-friendly and easy to use 3D design software and the process of creating their own 3D avatars. We will convert the children's designs into gcode and begin printing. Because 3D printing takes a long time children will be able to pick up their prints in the days following the workshop.

**Class visit:** Thursday, 20th March, 10.00am  
Booked Out.

**Class visit:** Thursday, 20th March, 12.30pm  
Booked Out.

## Children's Events

### Captain Splash

**Wednesday,  
5th April  
3.00pm-4.00pm**



Arrrrrr you ready to set sail to fun and imagination?!

See Captain Splash make dreams become real. And, if you believe in magic, you have a chance to take some home with you. An amazing voyage where everyone becomes part of the crew. Plenty of outrageous water tricks, funny magic, and tons of audience participation. A heartwarming tale about the magic that can happen when you believe in your dreams.

Suitable for ages 3-8 years

**Booking opens from 22nd March through  
[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Adult Events

### Grow It Yourself

**Meeting Thursday, 13th April  
6.30pm-7.30pm**

Join our monthly group of GIYers and develop the skills and confidence to grow your own fruit and vegetables successfully!

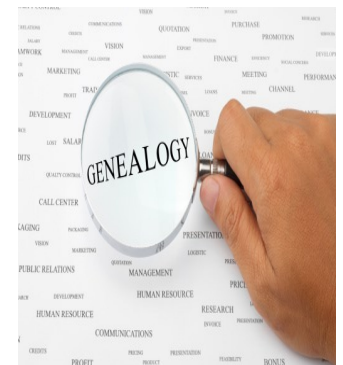


### Genealogy Club

**Meeting Thursday, 20th April  
6.30pm-7.30pm**

This is an in-person meeting.

All Welcome



## Children's Events



**Monday, 17th April, 24th and  
8th May @ 2.30pm**

### **Abracada... wish!**

*Let the Magic Begin! (For children aged 3 to 6 years)*

Jump right into the magic of stories with writer Juliette Saumande. Together you will make your own magic wand, your own magic hat and, of course, you will conjure up your own magical creatures! Whether you say Abracadabra, Sésame ouvre-toi ou Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo, come along and make the magic happen!

\*This is a workshop series where each session is different but connected to an overall theme. Come to as many workshops as you like!  
**(For children 3 to 6)**

**\*\*Language: English + French + Bring your own! Booking is required. When you reserve a child's ticket the accompanying adult goes free. Children must be under the supervision of an accompanying adult at all times.**

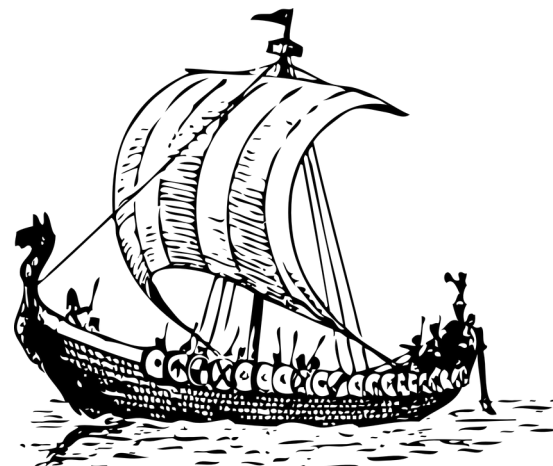
This workshop series is part of the award-winning [Language Explorers programme](#), which has shown to improve parents' and children's confidence in using their mother tongue and enhance children's language and communication skills. This project is funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth through the International Protection Integration Fund.

**Booking essential through**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/598347512517>

## Children's Events

# Irish History Live



## ***Irish History Live and the Vicious Vikings;***

Mike Moylan will entertain the Kids with an interactive talk on the history of the Vicious Vikings. He will be talking about the clothing, weaponry and culture of the times!

**Wednesday 12th April**

**11.00am—12.00pm**

**2.00pm—3.00pm**

For Children aged 8-12 years

**Booking opens from 3rd April through  
[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/598347512517)**



## Children's Events

# Irish History Live



## Irish History Live: 1916 and the War of Independence

An interactive show for kids! Mike Moylan will regale kids with a brilliant re-enactment of moments from modern Irish History and the fight for eventual Independence with clothing and weaponry of the times.

**Wednesday 12th April**  
**12.30pm—1.30pm**

For Children aged 8-12 years

**Booking opens from 3rd April through**  
**[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Clever Little Handies

**Thursday 27th April,**  
**4th, 11th and 18th May**  
**10.30am-11.30am**



We already know babies can communicate with their hands before they can talk; they can wave; they can clap; they can point. They have the dexterity in their hands to formulate signs long before they have the muscle dexterity in their mouths to form words.

By teaching them sign language from an early age they will have a vocabulary to use, even if they're not formulating words.

Clever Little Handies is a four-week term that is designed for parents with babies from newborns up to wobblers (12-18 month olds).

Participants receive an information leaflet each week with the songs and nursery rhymes to refer back to. The classes are approximately one hour each week and are capped at 15 participants to ensure individual attention and engagement.

The program is structured to provide a strong foundation for communication between parents and their babies. Each session begins with the ISL alphabet, where we introduce ourselves. Many of the signs used in the four-week term start with a letter of the ISL alphabet, providing a strong foundation for the classes.

**Booking opens from 11th April through-**  
**[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Coming Soon

Fancy a Coffee?

Come along to a library event and enjoy a free coffee when you become a library member. All you need is photo I.D. and proof of your current address to get your library card.

And as for your coffee, just remember to bring your own keep cup!



## Children's Events

# GYMBOREE

## Parent and Toddler Time with Gymboree

**Tuesday 4th April 10.15am-11.15am**

**Saturday 15th April 10.15am-11.15am**

Join Gymboree for a fun session of music and play to help your toddler develop language, co-ordination and social skills!

**All Welcome -**

**No Booking Required**



## Look out for our

## Tech Week Brochure

**with details of our fantastic events coming up for all the family during Tech Week!**



## Magformers Steam Event

**Wednesday 19th April 3.00pm-4.00pm**

Join library staff and create super-easy, exciting 2D and 3D geometric structures, a fun engineering event for young learners looking to take their next steps in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

**For children age 4-7 years only**

**Booking open from 10th April through [clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

